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## COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS TIGHTEN GRIP ON EXPELLES

The following information is from the Pressedienst der Heimstvertriebenen (Maws Service for Expellees), a weekly newsletter published in Goettingen by sad for expellees (now living in the German Federal Republic) from areas of eastern Germany currently under Polish or USSR schministration.

By order of the new Central Office for the Surveillance of Expellees, which is attached to the GDR (German Democratic Republic) Ministry for State Security, expellees now residing in the GDR have been placed under close observation by the State Security Service. This surveillance is concentrated particularly on mail from West Gormany which is addressed to expellees.

All such letters are opened and forwarded to the State Security Service, where, if it is deemed expedient, they are registered and photostated. Often the eddressee is summoned, put through a gruelling interrogation, and in certain cases subjected to very severe punishment. For example, a short time ago, an Expellee from East Fruesia was given a 2-year prison sentence because allegedly influentatory newspaper clippings had been enclosed in a letter addressed to him. Expellee group leaders in Berlin, therefore, have issued a warning against sending printed matter of any kind to compatriots in the Soviet Zone of Germany or in East Berlin.

Aggording to statistics, in 1950, the number of expelles in the Soviet Zone of Germany numbered 4,442,318 -- 1,874,736 male and 2,567,582 female. This figure comprised one quarter of the total population of East Germany, which at that time totaled 17.8 million.

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Many parents are having their children tettooed secretly, to make sure that they will be able to identify them after the separation which they expect to take place as the result of forced resettlements now being carried out in the Danmbe regions of the Satellite countries. These resettlements are affecting large numbers of Danmbe Swabiens in Rumania.

As is well known, during the course of such deportations children are generally appared from their parents, placed in institutions, and given new names. This congressy action taken by the desperate parents has incurred the disapproval of the government, and fungarian police have closed numerous tattooing establishments.

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